

Jⁿ. B^{te}. Dewaux to John Gray Blount¹⁹

BALTIMORE 27 May 1795

Sir

I beg you to render me the service of having sent to me a copy of my naturalization certificate which is found in the minutes of Colonel Brown who lived then at Balt. and before whom I took the oath

I do not remember at all the date but it will be easy to learn it by looking for the time when the ship was sent to Washington by Capt. Guis. I was naturalized some time before.

Colonel Brown had promised to give me the certificate, but I neglected to ask him for it at the time. This piece will be very necessary to me in this circumstance and I do not doubt that you will be kind enough to send it to me by the first good opportunity which will be presented to you for this city. I beg you to join to it the amount of your expenses in order that I may turn it over to the bearer.

I await this kind attention on your part and beg you to believe the one who [has] the honor of being

Sir

Your very humble and very
obedient servant

Jⁿ. B^{te}. DEWAUX

Please address your letter
to Mr. Jacob Knab, tailor in
this city.

*Contract Between Gabriel Ragsdale²⁰ and Others
June 20, 1795*

State of North Carolina
Buncombe County—

Know all Men by these presents that we Gabriel Ragsdale, John Carson & Henry McKenny are held and firmly bound unto John Patton Surveyor of the County of Buncombe in the penal sum of two thousand four Hundred Ninety Seven [pounds] ten

¹⁹Translated for this volume by Professor Quentin O. McAllister.

²⁰As this letter indicates, Ragsdale was one of the most active surveyors of western lands for the Blounts. See the Petition of Gabriel Ragsdale, July 15, 1795, page 658, below.